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SUBJECT: FORD MOTOR COMPANY INTEREST IN IRANIAN PROJECT

REF: STATE 090475; TEHRAN 3366

1. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS POSITION, FORD HAS DECIDED TO BACK OFF FROM ITS LARGE SCALE JOINT VENTURE PROPOSAL AND RESTUDY SITUATION. IRN WAS VISITED TODAY BY WILLIAM KELLY OF FORD'S DEARBORN OFFICE WHO SAID DECISION WAS MADE BY HENRY FORD HIMSELF. KELLY ADDED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF PRECISE REASONS PROMPTING THIS SWITCH, EXCEPT THAT FORD HAD DEVELOPED PERSONAL DOUBTS ABOUT IRAN BEING LOCATION FOR MAJOR INVESTMENT AT THIS TIME.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, FORD IS NOT CLOSING THE DOOR ON IRAN BUT WILL LOOK TOWARD SMALLER SCALE PROJECT. FORD REPRESENTATIVE HAS PROMISED TO KEEP DESK AND EMBASSY ADVISED ON COMPANY PLANS. (FYI - FORD INTENDS TO NOTIFY
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THEIR IRANIAN PARTNER OF THIS DECISION SOMETIME THIS WEEK. END FYI) VANCE

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